

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2006**

Under the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council, President Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room. All members were present.

ACT ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by Councilor Gill

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOIS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To accept the minutes of April 18, 2006 Town Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Vice President Sanford

VOICE VOTE:

Councilor Gill abstained

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Council President Reilly to appoint Peter Gill to the Board of Assessors for a 3 year term.

MOTION by Councilor Maggio

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Council President Reilly to appoint Aldo Amatucci to the Board of Health for a 3 year term.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Ferrino

VOICE VOTE:

Vice President Sanford abstained

VOTED: To approve the appointment of Council President Reilly to appoint Peter Roche to the Planning Board for a 1 year term.

MOTION by Councilor Calla

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOUSE VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To amend the appointment on the Planning Board from 5 years to 3 years.

MOTION by Councilor Gill to approve the appointment of Council President Reilly to appoint Richard Dimes to the Planning Board for a 3year term.

2^{Nb} by Councilor DelVento

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilor Ferrino (**NO**), Councilor Boncore (**NO**), Councilor Gill (**YES**), Councilor Letterie (**NO**), Councilor DelVento (**NO**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Calla (**NO**), Vice President Sanford (**ABSTAIN**), President Reilly (**YES**).

NO **5**
YES **3**
ABSTAIN **1**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Councilor Ferrino reports the Finance Committee held a joint meeting on April 24, 2006 with the Finance Commission and Town Manager Richard White to review the revenue expense summary of the budget. There was discussion on the budget cycle and how it will work. The budget will be presented to the Commission. The Charter calls for a public hearing which will be held on May 16, 2006 where all department heads and citizens will have the opportunity to address the Council and the Town Manager with their opinion of the budget and their concern's. The next meeting of the Finance Commission will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 6:30 PM to discuss the proposed budget.

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To appropriate \$21,699.42 from Massport Mitigation funds, \$11,571.53 from the Water Enterprise Fund and \$10,599.49 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, totaling \$43,870.44 (members are from DPW, Library, Cemetery, & Property Maintenance Departments).

The Break Down should be as follows:

DEPARTMENT	Line Item	Allocation
Cemetery	0113552-548105 Gas/Diesel	\$5,877.24
Sewer	90151-511000 Personnel	\$11,571.53
Water	90251-511000 Personnel	\$10,599.49
Library	0163051-511116 Personnel	\$796.00
Property Maintenance	0119251-511100 Personnel	\$2,239.00
DPW	0142051-511100 Overtime	\$12,787.18
		\$43,870.44

MOTION by Councilor Ferrino

2ND by Councilor Letterie

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To transfer \$5,000.00 from Veteran's Budget to the Parks Operation line item of the Public Works Department.

Capital Assets Committee

Councilor Gill reports the committee met on April 25, 2006 to continue their discussion of the Dalrymple School issue, which a decision is soon forthcoming. The committee will continue to monitor the meetings of the Dalrymple Re-Use Study Committee, which will be Monday, May 8, 2006. The next Capital Assets Committee meeting will be May 11, 2006.

Temporary Appointment Review Committee

Councilor Maggio reports the committee met on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. At this time we do not feel that the Committee as established under rule 2-6(d) relative to Section 2-10 (a) is clearly defined enough for us to make any recommendations.

TOWN MANAGER'S FY 2007 BUDGET MESSAGE

Town Manager Richard White reports there will be a public posting in the local newspaper advertising the public hearing that will be held on May 16, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Auditorium to discuss the proposed budget. Section 7.5 of the Home Rule Charter requires that the notice of the budget be advertised in the local newspaper showing previous years appropriations and revenues compared to the current proposed years as well as explanation of any deviations or changes in the budget. The complete budget is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, the Public Library, Housing Authority and the Town Website.

TOWN MANAGER'S FY 2007 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION:

- Includes expenditures of \$41,639,765
- Balanced by non-tax levy revenues totaling \$23,120,065 and an estimated tax levy of \$18,519,700
- Tax rate for FY2007 \$8.92 per \$1,000 for residential and \$9.67 for commercial property
- Average property tax bill will increase \$104 or 3.25% increase.
- Water/sewer bill increase by 19%
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Budget Goals

- Comply with limitations of Proposition 2 ½
- Fund salary adjustments as per labor contracts
- Reestablish the reserve fund;
- Begin a clear, concise and comprehensive presentation of all proposed expenditures
- Identify emerging operational, capital and financial issues for future years
- Eliminate the Town's dependence of free cash as a recurring revenue
- Fund school programs so that the commitments and the performance improvement made are not jeopardized

- Make prudent and surgical reductions to the municipal budget that push the departments to provide more with less, but allows the Council and professional staff to evaluate the on going effectiveness of these reductions

General Fund Reconciliation

• General Government	\$29,831
• Public Safety	42,627
• Education	750,000
• Public Works	(115,776)
• Human Services	(32,534)
• Debt Service	(55,336)
• Employee Benefits	89,411
• NE Vocational School	81,173
• Culture and Recreation	(83,203)
• Retirement	79,962
• Shared Expenses	152,285
• Other Expenditures	(572,201)
• Cherry Sheet Charges	186,829
Net General Fund Increase	553,068

Revenue change from FY 2006

• Property Tax	559,713
• State Aid	374,211
• Local Receipts	533,646
• Other revenues	762,446
• Free Cash	(1,676,948)
• Net General Fund Revenue	553,068

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town manager Richard White submits to the Council a proposal of a Town Wide Street Sweeping Program to utilize the newly purchased sweeper.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Councilor Boncore

2ND by Councilor Gill

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VOTED: To refer the FY 2007 budget message of the Town Manager to the Finance Committee.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore to Amend Rule 8 of the Rules and Procedures of the Winthrop Town Council by adding (g) Appointments 3 members chaired by the Council Vice President and consisting of the two At-Large Councilors, if the Council Vice President is an At-Large Councilor he shall appoint the third member from the remaining councilors, who will investigate candidates for appointment in accordance with Sections

2-10 (a) and (b) of the Winthrop Town Charter, and make a recommendation to the full council in session.

President Reilly rules that the motion just presented conflicts with the rules of the Council which state that the Council President shall appoint all committees furthermore it violates relevant provisions of the Charter relative to the appointments of the Council President. For that reason the motion has been ruled out of order.

MOTION by Councilor Boncore appealing the ruling of the Chair that the motion is not in order.

2ND by Councilor DelVento

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**YES**), Councilor Boncore (**YES**), Councilor Gill (**NO**), Councilor Letterie (**YES**), Councilor DelVento (**YES**), Councilor Maggio (**NO**), Councilor Calla (**YES**), Vice President Sanford (**YES**), President Reilly (**NO**).

YES 6

NO 3

MOTION by Councilor Maggio to refer the Amendment of Rule 8 to the Rules & Ordinance Committee.

2ND by Vice President Sanford

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Ferrino (**NO**), Councilor Boncore (**NO**), Councilor Gill (**NO**), Councilor Letterie (**NO**), Councilor DelVento (**YES**), Councilor Maggio (**YES**), Councilor Calla (**NO**), Vice President Sanford (**NO**), President Reilly (**ABSTAIN**).

NO 6

YES 2

ABSTAIN 1

Councilor Letterie received correspondence from the residents of Tileston Rd. and Girdlestone Rd. concerning the limited parking while construction continues at Atlantis Marina. These residents fear the problem will worsen now that the boating season is upon us. President Reilly states the matter be referred to the Town Manager, Richard White.

Councilor DelVento has received several e-mails regarding parking issues on the hill at Point Shirley. Councilor DelVento states there will be a traffic safety advisory committee in place to look at various issues around the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terence Delehanty, Margaret Dimes, Clark Heighton and John Rich made public comments.

MOTION by Councilor Letterie to adjourn

2ND by Councilor Maggio

UNANIMOUSE VOICE VOTE:

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:55 PM

ATTEST:

**Susan J. Duplin
Council Clerk**